which was notified as regulator for broadcasting in cable services in January, 2004, has initiated a number of steps to asertain the difficulties faced by consumers, the effect of implementation of CAS and problems faced during the course of implementation. TRAI, as an interim measure, suggested that the implementation of CAS in four Metros be either denotified or kept in abeyance for atleast three months. The Government, in the larger interest of the public has suspended the implementation of CAS in all the four metros till further orders through a notification dated 27.2.2004. The Chennai High Court has, however, stayed the suspension of CAS in Chennai.

Inclusion of Labana Community in the list of Scheduled Tribes

26. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 122 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 2003 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the ethnographic material on Labana Community from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for its inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBALAFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Housing problem in Delhi

†27. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has been advised to take help from the private sector to solve the residential problems of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposal is under Government's consideration in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Master Plan of Delhi-2001 suggested encouragement of housing through housing cooperatives both private and public, in addition to housing by Government agencies, local bodies and private individuals. Government *vide* Notification dated 3.6.99 encouraged private developers to take up group housing on a minimum plot of 3000 sq. mts. The need for providing an active role to the private sector and institutions engaged in the business of housing finance in providing housing has also been reiterated by the Government in the guidelines issued to the Delhi Development Authority for formulating Master Plan of Delhi-2021.

Water shortage in Dwarka

28. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Dwarka sub-city, a prestigious colony in South West Delhi of the Delhi Development Authority is reeling under acute water scarcity for the last two months or so;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the short-term and long-term measures contemplated to tide over the acute scarcity of water in the sub-city so that the colony may be self-sufficient with regard to the water supply?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been informed by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) that against the minimum present requirement of 6 million gallons per day (MGD), the DJB has been able to supply only 3 MGD of water for Dwarka due to shortage of water.

(c) As a short-term measure, the DDA supplies water through water tankers as and when specific complaint of non-availability.of piped water is received. To augment the water supply in Dwarka, Delhi Jal Board planned to set up a 40 Million Gallons per day (MGD) Water Treatment Plant at Dwarka. Raw water for this plant will be available from the saving of seepage losses of water after the construction of parallel lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant for which the work has been taken in hand.